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for development and maintenance of National Highways. During the current year, an amount of Rs. 2100 crore has been made available for development and maintenance of National Highways from Central Road Fund.

(c) An amount of Rs. 144.05 crore has been allocated to the State of Rajasthan for development and maintenance of National Highways during 2001-2002.

Funds for Maintenance of National Highways in Gujarat

1349. SHRI BRAHMAKUMAR BHATT: Will the Minister of ROAD TRANSPORT AND HIGHWAYS be pleased to state:

(a) whether the Government of Gujarat has sought additional funds for maintenance and repairs of National Highways;

(b) what is the scale on which funds for maintenance and repairs of National Highways are made available and whether this grant is adequate; and

(c) the progress made in new construction and repairs?

THE MINISTER OF STATE OF THE MINISTRY OF ROAD TRANSPORT AND HIGHWAYS (MAJOR GENERAL (RETD.) B. C. KHANDURI) (a) No, Sir.

(b) The maintenance of the National Highways is a continuous process and funds are allotted on the basis of length of National Highway, terrain, traffic, availability of funds etc. An amount of Rs. 25.77 crore has been earmarked for allocation under maintenance & repairs of National Highways for the State of Gujarat during 2001-2002. Availability of funds for maintenance and repairs for National Highways is generally not adequate with respect to stipulated norms.

(c) An amount of Rs. 85.00 crore has been allocated for the development of National Highways in Gujarat. The expenditure incurred is Rs. 7.92 crore and Rs. 1.07 crore for development & maintenance respectively in the State of Gujarat upto June, 2001.

Use of LPG in Motor Vehicles

1350. SHRI RAVI SHANKAR PRASAD: Will the Minister of ROAD TRANSPORT AND HIGHWAYS be pleased to state:

(a) whether any notification has been issued recently specifying the mass emission norms for motor vehicles running on LPG and thus use of LPG in motor vehicles has been legalised; and

(b) if so, the details thereof and whether any safety checks have been made mandatory for LPG fitment kits and if so, the details thereof?

THE MINISTER OF STATE OF THE MINISTRY OF ROAD TRANSPORT AND HIGHWAYS (MAJOR GENERAL (RETD.) B. C. KHANDURI) (a) and (b) The use of LPG as auto fuel has been legislated by the Parliament through the Motor Vehicles (Amendment) Act, 2000 *vide* Gazette Notification dated 14.8.2000. Emission and safety norms for LPG driven vehicles has been issued by this Ministry *vide* Notification No. GSR.284(E) dated 24.4.2001. Any manufacturer or supplier of LPG kit would have to get a type approval certificate from any one of the testing agencies authorized under Central Motor Vehicles Rules.